

April 26, 2010

The Grove City Advisory Board was called to order at 3:20 pm by chairperson Audrey Shinske with members Mike Metcalf, Tim Krebs, Nancy Christensen and County Liaison, Roxanne Reed in attendance.

Minutes of March 29th meeting were read and approved. By a second and vote minutes were approved as read.

Audrey read an email from Public Works Director Bob Halfhill regarding reasons the medians along Placida Road were not landscaped during the widening project several years ago.

> Mike Metcalf asked about the status of the unfinished buildings between Kentucky and Florida. They have never been finished and the black paper is now coming off roof and is fast becoming the next "Beirut Building". The bank now owns this property and the developer is "rumored" to have gone bankrupt. There is another uncompleted project near Marine Dynamics in the same condition.

We asked Roxanne how to find out about these properties and what action can be taken.

> Roxanne was asked how to find out about new construction or new business coming into Grove City. Activity has been seen at the Jones Nursery as well as "rumor" of a restaurant going into the property known as "Cheap Charlie's Wine". Roxanne told us that there are different departments we can call regarding changes going on in the community, but did not realize that according to "Our Plan" she was to keep us informed on new business/construction in our area. We discussed several ideas and it was decided Roxanne would check with permitting every couple of weeks and pass on any information pertaining

We also discussed different approaches to new business/construction/developers in our area. We do NOT intend to MANDATE to new development but to suggest ideas that might possibly better the project. We want to work WITH them to complete their project and at the same time continue our work to clean up our "Corridor" as stated in our Plan. We will NOT be going into the Residential sector however. It was suggested to contact Code Compliance regarding some of these items. Tim Krebs suggested that by contacting Code compliance would only put us at odds with this new business owner/developer instead of working with them. A brief discussion regarding the "Weaver" property explained how we tried to work with the property owner by going through the County process which accomplished absolutely nothing to date.

> Mike brought pictures of several medians/lighting in his area which are included in our "Goals". It was decided to break these 2 projects and tackle one at a time and lighting our entrances and Sidewalk side of San Casa should be done first then the medians. Mike stated that having attractive, well cared for medians is basically the "First Impression" prospective business owners, property owners have of any community and they should be a priority to maintain.

Discussed where the funds come to do this maintenance and it is covered by road taxes on the County/State level but Public Works only does the County portion.

It was decided to take pictures and contact Commissioner Skidmore with our concerns.

> Audrey asked Roxanne for a list of where the different

Roxanne said it changes almost daily, so it was decided to call her and ask.

> Mike asked if Grove City would qualify as a CRA and if that would help with the medians, lighting etc. Audrey suggested contacting Commissioner Loftus as he's been through the process. Roxanne also suggested meeting with Debra Forrester, who handles the Charlotte Harbor CRA. Roxanne will contact Debra Forrester and see when she would be available to meet with us and let us know.

> Nancy asked if Architectural Guidelines are included in our bylaws, due to the difficulties Manasota Key is having right now. Roxanne explained "why" they are having those problems and that maybe we should wait to see how they work theirs out and then ask to revise our by laws to also allow for a Architectural Guideline committee.

> Our next meeting would fall on Memorial Day and we were asked if we wanted to move it up a week or what. Mike then suggested that we wait to hear from Roxanne about a time to meet with Debra Forrester and plan our meeting around that date. That was agreeable to all, so a definite date has not been stated for our next meeting.

> Motion by Mike seconded by Audrey meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm

**Respectfully submitted Nancy
Christensen Secretary**